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To: President Essmann
From: Joe Kolman
Re: EQC appointments

Susan Fox asked me to send a note outlining the appointment procedure for the Environmental Quality Council (EQC).

The EQC has 17 members including:

- * six House members selected by the Speaker of the House,
- * six Senate members selected by the Committee on Committees,
- * two public members selected by the President of the Senate with the concurrence of the Senate Minority Leader,
- * two public members selected by the Speaker of the House with the concurrence of the House Minority Leader, and
- * one nonvoting member who represents the governor.

As with other interim committees, at least 50% of the EQC's legislative members must be selected from the standing session committees that consider issues within the jurisdiction of the EQC and at least one member must be selected from the joint subcommittee that considers the related agency budgets.

Committee members serve 2-year terms, starting and ending on the 50th day of each legislative session. Members may serve no more than three terms (a total of 6 years). Sen. Vincent and Diane Conradi, a public member, have served three terms each and are not eligible for reappointment for the upcoming interim.

In order to be appointed to the EQC, the following qualifications of the legislator or public member must be considered:

- * the ability to analyze and interpret environmental trends and information;
- * the ability to appraise programs and activities of state government in the light of the policy set forth in 75-1-103, MCA;
- * the ability to be conscious of and responsive to the scientific, economic, social, aesthetic, and cultural needs and interests of the state; and
- * the ability to formulate and recommend state policies to promote the improvement of the quality of the environment.

I hope this answers your questions. Attached is a list of current members and the terms they have served. Please contact me if you need more information.

2012 EQC members' eligibility for reappointment.

New members must be appointed before the 50th legislative day (5-16-101, MCA).

EQC MEMBER

TERMS SERVED

Rep. Duane Ankney		1 term:	2011-2012
Rep. Jerry Bennett		1 term:	2011-2012
Rep. Bill McChesney		1 term:	2011-2012
Rep. Michelle Reinhart		1 term:	2011-2012
Rep. Cary Smith		2 terms:	2009-2010 2011-2012
Rep. Kathleen Williams		1 term:	2011-2012
Sen. John Brenden		1 term:	2010-2011
Sen. Bradley Maxon Hamlett		2 terms:	2009-2010 2011-2012
Sen. Jim Keane		2 terms:	2009-2010 2011-2012
Sen. Rick Ripley		2 terms:	2009-2010 2011-2012
Sen. Chas Vincent		3 terms:	2007-2008 2009-2010 2011-2012
Sen. Gene Vuckovich		1 term:	2011-2012
Mr. Dexter Busby	House Appt.	1 term:	2011-2012
Ms. Diane Conradi	Senate Appt.	3 terms:	2007-2008 2009-2010 2011-2012
Ms. Mary Fitzpatrick	House Appt.	2 terms:	2009-2010 2011-2012
Mr. John Youngberg	Senate Appt.	1 term:	2011-2012